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Sir:

The examiner is requested to make of record this Preliminary Amendment submitted in conjunction with a file wrapper continuation of U.S. Serial No. 07/344,258 in order to prosecute certain claims on a divisional basis.

The examiner is requested to cancel claims 1-16, 30-33, 37-40 and 71 originally standing rejected by final Office Action mailed January 27, 1992.

Applicants elect to continue prosecution of claims 53-64, 67 and 68 not elected in the original application in response to the examiner's restriction requirement.

The other claims, not cancelled or presently elected, remain non-elected but subject to subsequent divisional prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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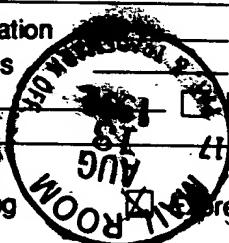
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